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RESPONSE

July 23, 2002

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231
Attention: Licensing and Review

Dear Sir:

This letter is responsive to an informal notice dated June 26, 2002 ("Notice"), from Licensing and Review which alleged that the subject matter of the invention in the above-identified application "appears to: 'have significant utility in the conduct of aeronautical and space activities' as recited in 42 U.S.C. 2457 (National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA))."

The Notice further alleged that "no patent can issue on this application unless applicant(s) file a statement (under oath or in the form of a declaration as provided by 37 CFR 1.68) setting forth (1) the full facts concerning the circumstances under which the invention was made and conceived and (2) the relationship (if any) of the invention to the performance of any work under any contract or other arrangement with the Agency (ies) noted above.

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The Notice set a deadline for response of forty-five days from the mailing date of the Notice, which deadline is

August 10, 2002.

As required by the Notice, enclosed herewith as a separate paper is a Declaration under 37 CFR 1.68 ("Declaration") by the Applicants that sets forth (1) the full facts concerning the circumstances under which the invention was made and conceived and (2) the relationship (if any) of the invention to the performance of any work under any contract or other arrangement with the Agency noted above.

In the Declaration, the Applicants declare that the invention was not made (conceived or first actually reduced to practice) under nor is there any relationship of the invention to the performance of any work under any contract of NASA.

The Declaration is hereby incorporated by reference herein.

This paper is deposited with the United States Postal Service as "Express Mail Post Office to Addressee" on the above-recited date of this letter.

In view of Applicants timely submission of the above Declaration, Applicants respectfully request the Commissioner of Patents determine that a patent can issue on this application.

The Commissioner for Patents is hereby authorized to charge any fees required for this communication, or credit any overpayment of fees, to deposit account 23-0455.

The undersigned would welcome a telephone call from the Commissioner to discuss any matters.

Respectfully submitted,

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Enc. Original of Declaration under 37 CFR 1.68 (2 pages)